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Calendar of Events

1.

What: Joint Event with BCFFA: *Am I Making a Food or a Natural Health Product?*

When: Tuesday, March 27, 2007
5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Where: **Shadbolt Centre**
6450 Deerk Lake Avenue, Burnaby

Cost: \$25.00 for members
\$35.00 for non-members
\$10.00 for students

2.

What: *Golf Banquet and AGM at Country Meadows in Richmond*

When: Friday June 8, 2007

BCFT Website

Please check out the BCFT website at www.bcft.ca for:

- Up to date information about upcoming BCFT events,
- Job Postings, for those companies needing a hard working food technologist,
- Job Seekers, for those hard working food technologist needing a company,
- **NEW** Book your table at Supplier's Night using our online registration.

If you have any feedback or events that you would like posted, please email Peter Taylor at webmaster@bcft.ca.

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Suppliers' Night A Shining Success


This year's event, held on February 28th, 2007 was a great event. Over 123 tables showcased their products and services to over 170 attendees. The BCFT Executive would like to thank the organizing committee of Jack Phillips, Jerry Hedding, Daphne Tsai, and Peter Taylor for their continued effort of making this event a highlight of our year. The organizing committee would like to extend a big "thank you" to all of the student volunteers from both UBC and BCIT. This event could not run as smoothly without their help.



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Get Involved with the BCFT Executive

The BCFT is accepting all nominations for all positions on the executive. The list of positions is on the front page of the newsletter. The election will take place at the AGM on June 8th, 2007 at the Country Meadows Golf Club in Richmond. The Executive is pleased to announce the new position of Awards Chair in 07/08. The annual responsibilities would include:

- Create and submit notices for newsletters reminding membership of awards and nomination deadlines (detailed descriptions should appear in the October Newsletter).
- Prior to the nomination deadlines (at least one month in advance), discuss awards and possible nominees at an executive meeting.
- Assist in the preparation of nominations as required. Nominations can be submitted by individual members, or by the section (section nominations may be stronger than individual nominations).
- Prepare Notice for the September Newsletter announcing BC's award winners.



For Employers and Job Searchers

BCFT sponsors 'no-charge' job postings and resume postings on our website. Please ensure the posting is in pdf or word document form. Optionally, we can provide a form for the job posting.

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http://www.bcft.ca/Positions_available.htm

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Request for Comments on the Development of the Agriculture Innovation Hub

BCFT Chair Margaret Daskis is asking for members input for the implementation for the development of a Agriculture Innovation Hub (details reprinted from the February Newsletter found below). Suggestions for pilot plant equipment, technical capacity, location options, etc. can be sent to freshideas@telus.net.

BACKGROUND:

Anne McCannel represented BCFT at a meeting on January 11 hosted by Investment Agriculture to investigate the development of an "Agriculture Innovation Hub" within British Columbia. A large number of industry organizations and government groups were represented at the meeting. The industry organizations included the BC Food Processors Association (BCFPA), Western Canadian Functional Food and Natural Health Product Network (WCFN), University of British Columbia Faculty of Land & Food Systems (UBC), the Small Scale Food Processor Association (SSFPA), BC BioProducts Association (BCBPA), and the BC Agricultural Council (BCAC).

The government groups were comprised of Western Economic Diversification, BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, and Investment Agriculture.


A BC Food Technology Centre Working Group consisting of the industry organizations had already met previously to address the need for an industry-centred technology and commercialization centre in BC. This group submitted a proposal for funding a project with the goal of defining the services that should be offered and the form or structure of the centre.

What happened at the January 11 meeting?



Discussion included a description of past activities and future "visions" for a centre (must be affordable, accessible, allow production of commercial products, use existing infrastructure as much as possible, entrepreneurial, etc). It was agreed that the Agriculture Innovation Hub participants would work together to move forward on the initiative. The first step towards this vision is to perform a feasibility study and write a business plan. The industry organizations, in concert with the government groups, are in the process of facilitating this project.

Next steps

Because the creation of a centre would be such an important development for BCFT members, Margaret Daskis has agreed to continue in the role of representing BCFT at future meetings.



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BC Food Protection Association

Speaker's Evening

Feature Speakers:

Dr. B. Brett Finlay, Professor, Michael Smith Laboratories, & Departments of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, & Microbiology & Immunology, UBC. Topic: "E. coli 0157: How does it work and what can we do?".

Dr. Brian Radke, Public Health Veterinarian, BC Centre of Disease Control. Topic: "Bacterial Surveillance of Retail Meat - Results From CIPARS".

Registration 5:30 p.m., Program 6:45 p.m.

Evening Wrap-up by 9 p.m.

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Registration Fees

Members	\$ 25
Non-members	\$ 35
Students	\$ 10

Price includes beverages,
sandwiches & snacks

Burnaby Fireman's Hall

6515 Bonsor Ave,
Burnaby, BC

For more information

Terry Peters, President, BCFPA
Tel: 604-666-1080 Email: president@bcfpa.net

Pre-Register by Feb 6th

Lance Hill, Membership, BCFPA
Fax: 604-666-3149 Email: members@bcfpa.net

Who should come to this Speaker's Evening?

Anyone involved in food !

Whether you:

- Grow food
- Process food
- Package food
- Test food
- Transport food
- Prepare food
- Supply ingredients
- Provide services
- Design and supply equipment
- Serve food
- Educate
- Regulate

Shadbolt Centre—Directions:

By Car: Parking-free. Trans-Canada Hwy exit Kensington South to Canada Way. Behind Burnaby City Hall.

By Bus: 144 SFU/Metrotown bus links the Centre & the Metrotown & Burnaby Lake Skytrain stations.

Map: www.city.burnaby.bc.ca/shared/assets/prksrc_fclts_shdblt1759.pdf

Tues, March 27, 2007

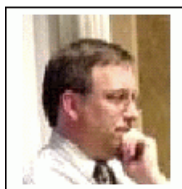
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Speaker Profiles



Jim Strausz, Strauss Herbs Ltd. Certified in Industrial and Process Control technology, Jim Strausz, sometimes known as Junior, mis-spent 26 years working in the Canadian pulp industry. Involved in design and construction of the Peace River Pulp and Alberta Pacific mills in northern Alberta (both the worlds largest and cleanest mills at time of construction), Jim stayed with Alberta Pacific for 10 years after startup, managing instrumentation, process control and mill maintenance contracts, including the part time position of Management Representative for the billion dollar mill's ISO 9001 program. In 2002, family called Jim back to Kamloops to manage the growing group of companies doing business under the trademark of Strauss Herb Co, where Jim has held the positions of General and Marketing Manager through implementation of the new NHP Regulations.



Lance Hill, Health Canada, B.Sc.(Food Science) joined Health Protection Branch, Health Canada as a Food & Drug Inspector in 1980—involved in inspection of establishments producing a wide-range of food commodities. In 1992, Nutrition Program Specialist, Western Region food inspection program, relating to fortified foods and other nutritional products as well as regional response to undeclared food ingredients which may cause adverse food reactions. In 1997, Lance became CFIA's Nutrition/Allergy Program Specialist for the Western Area and on occasion acted as the National Allergen Technical Specialist. In 2002, Lance returned to Health Canada, as the Regional Food Liaison Officer, Western Region. In 2003, Lance joined the Executive of the British Columbia Food Protection Association (BCFPA) as the Membership Coordinator.



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BC Food Protection and
BC Food Technologists
present....

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*Tues, March 27/07
Shadbolt Centre
Burnaby*

**Am I Making a Food or
Natural Health Product?**

Am I Making a Food or Natural Health Product?

Agenda:

5:30–6:15 Registration, networking, refreshments and snacks.

6:15-6:30 Welcome Remarks

6:30–7:30 Canadian Natural Health Products Regulation: Implementation and Opportunities Jim Strausz, Strauss Herbs Ltd.

7:30 –8:00 Networking Break

8:00-8:45 Choosing a Regulatory Framework– Lance Hill, Health Canada

8:45–9:00 Closing Remarks

For more information please contact:

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Students	\$ 10

Price includes beverages, sandwiches & snacks

Please Pre-Register by March 20th

Email, Mail or Fax Registration To:

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